

## Calendar

May 10 – Spouses' Teambuilding Luncheon at 11 a.m. at The Clubs at Quantico

May 19 – Marine Corps Systems Command Town Hall starting at 10 a.m. in Little Hall

May 25 – June 2 – Navy Fleet Week, New York City

June 7 – Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery

June 8 – Acquisition Excellence Day at Hylton Conference Center in Dale City

June 20-26 – Marine Week in St. Louis

June 21 – SPAWAR Marine Day from 8 a.m. to noon at The Clubs at Quantico

## The Point

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## 'The Point' submissions

Each month, *The Point* brings Marines, Civilian Marines and families the latest news in Marine Corps Systems Command and Program Executive Officer Land Systems. Topics include security, safety and features from product groups, independent program managers, deputy commanders, assistant commanders and Strategic Plan Objective Teams. There are also articles about spouses and families. To submit an article for this newsletter, send it to [mcscpao@usmc.mil](mailto:mcscpao@usmc.mil). Submission deadlines are the third Thursday of the month. *The Point* is distributed the first Tuesday of the month. Photographs are not published. Also, be sure to read *Families On Point* attached separately.

## SPAWAR plans Marine Day with MCSC

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Systems Center Pacific and Atlantic will conduct a Marine Day with Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC), tentatively set for 8 a.m. to noon June 21 at the Clubs of Quantico. The commanding officers and technical directors from both Systems Centers will brief their current command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support and capabilities to MCSC's leaders.

## Sunset Parade now June 7

The Sunset Parade hosted by Marine Corps Systems Command has been moved up to 6:30 p.m. June 7 at the Marine War Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery. The change was made after publication of the current *Marines On Point* magazine. Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition Sean J. Stackley will be the guest of honor.

## Acquisition officers receive billets

The following Acquisition Professional Officers have been selected by the Marine Corps Acquisition Command Selection Board to serve in the following Acquisition Command billets:

- Colonel-Select Arthur Pasagian, on or about Aug. 1 assumes duties as the Director, Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity.
- Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Stower, on or about June 1 assumes duties as the Program Manager, Infantry Weapons Systems, Product Group 13, Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC).

The following Acquisition Professional Officers have been assigned to the Program Manager, Product Manager and other positions listed below:

- Lieutenant Colonel Michael Burks, on or about Aug. 15 assumes

duties as the Product Manager, Joint Lightweight Tactical Vehicle, PEO Land Systems.

- Lieutenant Colonel William Yates, on or about Aug. 15 assumes duties within the Systems Engineering, Interoperability, Architectures and Technology Office, MCSC.
- Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Madeline, on or about June 1 assumes duties as the Assistant Program Manager, Countermines, Product Group 15, MCSC.
- Lieutenant Colonel Tyrone Theriot, on or about April 15 assumed duties as Professor of Acquisition, Defense Systems Management College, Defense Acquisition University.
- Lieutenant Colonel Select Brian Newbold continues as the Program Manager, Digital Fires and Situational Awareness, Product Group 11, MCSC.
- Major Winsome Walls, on or about April 15 assumed duties as Deputy Program Manager, Network Satellite Communications Systems, Product Group 12, MCSC.
- Major Jeffrey Decker, on or about July 15 assumes duties as Team Leader, Network Satellite Communications Systems, Product Group 12, MCSC.
- Major James Pelland, on or about June 1 assumes duties as the Team Leader Individual Armor and Load Bering Equipment, Product Group 16, MCSC.
- Major Shelton Richards, on or about June 1 assumes duties as Military Deputy Program Manager, Ground-Air Task Oriented RADAR System, Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS).
- Major Brian Paton, on or about July 1 reports as a student to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

Exact dates of assumption of duties are to be coordinated and effected by the respective Product Group Directors and the PEO LS, or as reflected in individual orders.

Appropriate charters for officers assigned as Program Managers will be coordinated by the Assistant Commander for Programs.

## **Softball team prepares for season**

For those interested in playing for the Marine Corps Systems Command intramural softball team this year there will be a team meeting and practice from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 10 at the field across from the "MC Association" building in Quantico. Games likely will be played Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call (703) 432-3939 or (703) 432-7495.

## **Guidebook helps drivers meet vehicle requirements**

You are just about done with your milestone brief to your Milestone Decision Authority. Everything has gone well to this point, and you are sure you will get the decision you have been working toward. The next question, though, makes your heart sink: "It looks like your system might be a little heavy. Have you received concurrence from Program Manager Motor Transport (PM MT) on the HMMWV and trailer you are using?"

Other than a few random phone calls and e-mails, you never did any detailed coordination with PM MT. Because of that, your program now faces a schedule delay or vehicle operational restrictions that will not allow you to meet all your requirements.

Early developmental decisions that fail to fully consider existing vehicle design and operating constraints – or do not fully evaluate the impact of these constraints on the proposed system design – can lead to significant schedule slippages and additional developmental costs when they are eventually uncovered later in the development process. Command Policy Letter No. 1-06 of March 13, 2006, addresses the acquisition of end items as components of other systems. It requires concurrence or non-concurrence from the appropriate PM office. This is particularly important for prime movers and trailers managed by PM MT.

To help comply with policy requirements and enhance collaboration between PM MT and program managers whose programs and projects incorporate PM MT-managed vehicles, PM MT has established a systems integration officer and developed a Vehicle Integration Procedures Guidebook. The guide is intended to be a reference to help project officers prepare and submit information that the PM MT routinely needs to support their program. The key topics of the guide include:

- Key information exchanges and timelines.
- Sample memorandum of agreement.
- Vehicle modification requests.
- Research and development vehicle temporary loan procedures.
- Automotive testing requirements.
- Vehicle operating restriction information.

The Vehicle Integration Procedures Guidebook can be found on the Ground Transportation and Engineer Systems SharePoint site at this URL:

<https://ips.usmc.mil/sites/pmmtlf/integration/Shared%20Documents/VEHICLE%20INTEGRATION%20PROCEDURES%20GUIDE.pdf>

Questions regarding PM MT vehicle integration should be directed to the PM MT Systems Integrations Officer at (703) 432-3567.

## **MyBiz upgrade coming**

The Defense Personnel Data System, known to civilians as MyBiz, will not be available to users from 9 p.m. May 26 to 6 a.m. June 1 as the Oracle 12 system is upgraded. With its enhancements, MyBiz will offer many features.

Users can view and verify personal and personnel data on line such as notification of personnel action history, position, salary, benefits and award data just to name a few pieces of information available through MyBiz.

Civilians will no longer need to request employment verification but can do it themselves on line. Users will decide who receives the information directly via secure e-mail.

Users can update their own personnel records. Whether it is their work e-mail address, emergency contacts, continuing education, completed training or validating their ethnicity and handicap information, the workers are in the driver's seat.

By entering the user's work e-mail address, in the future that person will receive automatic notification of changes within the employee's personnel record.

Through future enhancements and new programs, military commands can update and maintain their organizational hierarchy, ensuring the accuracy of supervisor-to-employee structures.

The Electronic Official Personnel Folder (e-OPF) to be deployed in fiscal year 2012 will let employees view personnel transactions from implementation date forward.

For more information, send an e-mail to [don\\_dcpds@ochr.navy.mil](mailto:don_dcpds@ochr.navy.mil).

## **Defense Finance and Accounting Service revamps website**

Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials have rolled out a redesigned website to give the Defense Department's workforce easier, quicker access to the information they need.

## **DOD issues Purple Heart standards for brain injury**

U.S. service members have long been eligible to receive the Purple Heart Medal for the signature wounds of the current wars — mild traumatic brain injuries and concussions — but now there is more clarity on how medical criteria for the award are applied, Defense Department officials said.

## **Troops explore emerging energy solutions**

As the military works to shrink its operational energy footprint, experts in solar power, microgrids and “smart” generators recently took that technology to a crucial jury: the troops.